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November 1st. 1912

Mr. Bauman Lowe Belden.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. J. Townsend Lansing the President of The Albany Historical and Art Society and of which I am a Trustee has advised me that he has been in communication with you in reference to placing and cataloguing the Coin collection bequeathed to the Society by its late President Mr. James Ten Eyck. I have been requested by President Lansing to communicate with you with the object of having you come to Albany at your earliest convenience with that object in view, and I would thank you to advise me when you can make it convenient to come and we will have matters in such shape as will facilitate the placing of the coins with as little delay as possible. The writer was associated with the late Mr. Ten Eyck for 33 years and assisted him in accumulating the collection which is a very valuable one from a collectors point of view.

There are a number of thousands of coins very largely American Gold and silver all the rare gold coins (excepting the 1822 - \$5.00 piece) also a fine Brasher Doubloon probably the finest known, an 1804 silver dollar, 1802 half dime, in fact an almost complete collection of gold and silver, as well as minor coinage in addition to proof sets beginning with 1857.

The tin box containing the gold both American and foreign are in the Safe Deposit Vault the others being in the vault in the building. I should have said that all the valuable coins both gold and silver are in the Safe Deposit Vault so that as soon as we know what your intentions are as to placing them we can get the box. There is also a large collection of foreign gold and silver, medals, badges etc.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully.

*Samuel W. Brown*

November 8th, 1912.

Mr. Samuel W. Frown,  
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Albany, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

I have delayed replying to your letter of November 1st<sup>as</sup> on account of some matters here, I could not say anything definite regarding when I would be able to take the time to go to Albany. Things now, however, are beginning to shape themselves so that I know better where I stand. This Society holds its regular meeting on Saturday, November 16th, and between now and then I will not be able to take any time away from here, but, unless something happens to prevent in the meantime, I think I can run over to Albany on Monday, November 18th, and I will take the train leaving the Grand Central Station at four o'clock and reaching Albany at six fifty one. This will enable me to put in a full day looking over the coins on Tuesday, and if I can not get through it in that time I can stay over until the day following, but it is necessary for me to be in New York on the twenty first.

I would be very greatly obliged if you would advise me if this arrangement will be satisfactory to you, also where would be the best place for me to put up for the night, as it so happens that I have never been to Albany. Should anything occur to change my plans I will communicate with you promptly.

When Mr. Lansing was here some little time ago he asked me about the best way to have this collection catalogued and arranged, and I told him that I could advise him very much better regarding that <sup>after</sup> ~~but~~ seeing the collection, and ascertaining just what it contained as well as finding out what the plans were for the arrangement of the coins <sup>and the kind</sup> of a catalogue that was desired to have made. Of course, that is a work that will take quite a little time, and all that I will be able to do will be to go over the collection and make such suggestions as I can for the arrangement in the amount of time that I will have, and I think I will be able to help you in the selection of some one to do what further work that will be necessary in connection with it.

Trusting that I will hear from you at your convenience, I am,  
Very truly yours,

Baron, Stickney & Co.  
COFFEES, SPICES, TEAS, ETC.  
ALBANY, N. Y.

November 13th . 1912

Mr. Barnes L. Selden:-

My Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 9th. inst. but delayed answer until I could communicate with Mr. Lansing in reference to the matter.

I understand from Mr. Lansing that it is his intention to have me go over the coins with you on the occasion of your preliminary visit of a day or so just to have a look at the coins which as I wrote you are in the Safe Deposit Vaults. Such being the case the dates set by you viz. Nov. 19th and 20th. would not be convenient as I have an engagement for those two days that would make it practically impossible to be with you and assist you. Could not you name a day <sup>the</sup> next week or better the following week on account of Thanksgiving day coming in the last week of November? Any day that will be convenient to you after the 20th. I am sure will be satisfactory to me, and I can be with you as much of the time that you are here in Albany.

When you come to Albany stop at the "Ten Eyck" Hotel, named after the donor of the coin collection to the Historical Society. It is a first class hotel and you will be well treated for I shall see Mr. Rockwell the proprietor who was a personal friend of Mr. Ten Eyck's who will look after your comfort while here.

Awaiting your pleasure believe me,

Yours Very Respectfully.

Samuel W. Brown  
Box 319



November 15th, 1912.

Mr. Samuel W. Brown,  
P. O. Box 319,  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 13th was duly received. I am now making arrangements for a special exhibition to be held here during a portion of the month of December, and am likely to be pretty busy until the preliminaries are arranged, so I can not tell just now what day, after November 20th, I will be able to go to Albany. I will, if possible, arrange for some day before the first of December, and will write you as soon as I can say anything definite.

Very truly yours,

Director.

SAMUEL W. BROWN  
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ALBANY, N.Y.

December 14th. 1912

Mr. Bauman L. Belden.

My Dear Mr. Belden.

Since I last ~~xxx~~ wrote to you in reference to your coming to Albany to look over the coin collection of the late Mr. James Ten Eyck the Historical Society has decided that for the present not to do anything in the way of cataloguing it and placing it in the cases. When a definite decision has been reached just what we shall do we shall undoubtedly require your services as contemplated and we will then arrange with you for a visit to Albany for that purpose.

Either Mr. Lansing or myself will communicate with you at some future date for your visit.

Very Respectfully.

*Samuel W. Brown*

December 21st, 1912.

Mr. Samuel W. Brown,  
F. C. Box 319,  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Your letter of December 14th was duly received, and I am rather relieved to find that you will not want me to go to Albany at the present time, as with the exhibition that we are now holding, and another that will follow at the end of January, my hands will be very full for the next six or eight weeks.

Trusting that I will be able to be of some help to you at some future time, I am,

Very truly yours,